

writing was the analysis of syllables into letters : this once accomplished, it was possible to express the sound of each letter by an arrangement of dots and dashes such as is used in the Ogham alphabet of ancient Ireland—and in the Morse system of modern telegraphy.

By trade, or the exchanging of articles, men are able to obtain things which they cannot produce or make for themselves or seize from others. It has been attended by abuses which have increased the tale of human misery. Slavery has followed in its train, and the ruin of backward races by spirituous liquors. But with a magnetic attraction it is drawing together the different races of mankind and is developing a practical idea of human brotherhood—in money-making if not in sympathy. Less strong a bond than religion, it is infinitely more extensive. At first it enclosed the village within its meshes of mutual inter-dependance, uniting the cultivators with the artisans upon whose industry they relied for their implements, their furniture and their clothing. From the village its tentacles spread to the nation, to groups of nations, and finally have embraced the whole world. Under its influence civilized lands have been covered with a network of railway lines and telegraph wires, along which streams of travellers, letters and messages are incessantly hurrying, regardless of the boundaries

which artificially separate communities
of man-
kind. The financial reservoirs of cash
and credit.
from which trade draws the streams of
its activity.
have been internationalized, and the
obligations
of different peoples are so closely
interlaced that
an injury to the resources of one is felt
by all.
Financially, it may then be urged,
war is a